

Facilitators: Brian and David  
Support: Austin

Thursday Spokes Council (12/22/11)

Attendance ~70

Major Decisions - None - though a proposal to create a paid team of canvassing fundraisers was met with almost unanimous opposition and did not even move into discussion

Major Discussions - Several agenda items were presented that were not really appropriate for Spokes Council. One was about a march related to Postal Service Cuts and the other was about co-hosting a candidate forum with the Working Families Party. Both were given space to present their proposals, take some feedback and questions, and then they will go to the General Assembly later.

The proposal about creating a team of canvassers to raise money (justified in part by the fact that Working America - an AFL-CIO front group - was doing this using the Occupy rhetoric) was not well received. After a period of questions, that demonstrated the aversion to this idea break-outs for groups were done so that groups could discuss whether or not they even wanted to have this proposal keep moving forward. This worked really well and saved us a lot of time. When we came back groups stated why they were opposed (every group was) and we moved on. We then did another break-out and had groups share what they were working on (a sort of committee announcements) to facilitate coordination of the movement. There was some time for discussion at the end and we discussed how we can support the vigil in front of City Hall, however, energy was waning significantly already at that point.